

African Fest USA

Description: African Fest USA is a non-profit organization that unites a collaboration of independent African artists and professionals to broaden the knowledge of Arizonans about African culture. African Fest invites artists and craftsmen to showcase their work and highlight their contributions to the enrichment of Tempe’s thriving cultural diversity. Combining cultural inspirations and styles, artists will present a unique African style of story-telling through art, music, food, dance, and crafts. African Fest is a “story in motion,” a distinctive expression and stage for showcasing African culture. Artists invited to perform will be from various African performance groups such as Burundi drummers and Kawambe-Omowale west African Drum and Dance group. The Fest collaborates with local businesses such as Awe Collectives, Bati Bazar, Ako international market, B&R Africa Styles and Sarabo Fashion. The Festival is scheduled to take place in Spring 2021 at Kiwanis park in Tempe, AZ.

Arizona Wind Symphony

Description: Arizona Wind Symphony, an all-volunteer Tempe-based 95-member woodwind/brass/ percussion ensemble, resumes their innovative programming. After a hiatus brought on by the unexpected worldwide pandemic, this dynamic group eagerly anticipates a hallmark year in celebration of its 20th anniversary. Since its inception, this community group has been under the leadership of well-recognized music educator Bill Richardson. Soloists (both famous guest artists and leaders from within AWS) will be highlighted throughout the season. Consisting of six themed concerts at Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Theater through Summer 2021, the performance season includes an audience-favorite holiday concert and other highlights. Themes also include circus music (featuring a juggler and assorted other acts), Latin dancers, Broadway, cinema, world tunes, and American/patriotic favorites. AWS is proud to be a TCA founding partner. It promotes Tempe this banner year by presenting the best of AWS.

Broadmor PTA, Art Masterpiece

Description: The Art Masterpiece Program seeks funding to provide art education to all students at Broadmor Elementary School. There is no art-education at Broadmor; there are no art specials, teachers, or electives. The Art Masterpiece program is the only exposure our students have to arts enrichment. While teachers do their best to incorporate the arts, most do not have the time, training, or resources to develop and execute high-quality arts curriculum. The Broadmor Art Masterpiece program helps to fill this gap. The program began eight years ago with two lessons per grade/year and has expanded to include four lessons per grade/year



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(quarterly). Additionally, our program peppers art into student learning with a campus presence that extends beyond lessons, offering supplemental garden/science projects, theatrical backdrops, festival booths, and much more. The Art Masterpiece program offers a diverse foundation of art opportunities to a student body without such resources and support. Given the unique circumstances of the 2020-21 academic year and the likelihood that volunteers will be barred from campus, the Broadmor Art Masterpiece program will work with our Principal Dr. Ealy and Broadmor teachers to develop the most impactful curriculum within the realities/constraints of the upcoming school year.

Chandler Children's Choir

Description: Chandler Children's Choir has been a pillar of the Chandler and South Tempe arts community for the last twelve years. The objective of CCC is to provide an inclusive space where families can bring their children to learn the joy of choral singing. This project will focus on supporting the creation of a community performance experience that will encompass CCC's Season 13 theme "How Can I Keep From Singing?". In highlighting works from composers of color and focusing on the importance of the arts in promoting understanding, inclusion, and equality, our goal is to continue to be a powerful and public voice and advocate for all people in our community. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing guidelines, CCC will be starting the season three weeks later than expected and will also be providing provisions for students to join CCC in-person through safe, socially distanced rehearsals and/or virtually through livestreamed rehearsals

Childsplay

Description: Childsplay is a nationally respected professional theatre company whose primary audience is children, families, and schools. Founded in Tempe in 1977, the company continues to serve Tempe through a wide range of theatre and arts education programs. With this grant, Childsplay respectfully requests support the Childsplay Theatre Academy – a Tempe based arts education program serving more than 1,500 children each year. While Childsplay hopes to offer in-person classes at the Campus for Imagination and Wonder sometime in the not too distant future, all current Academy and education programs for teachers and students are being offered virtually through Childsplay's Imagine Together Online Program. These classes provide valuable tools that promote teamwork, self-esteem, and creativity. The program also serves disadvantaged youth who have limited access to organized activities through an active scholarship program.



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CONDER/dance

Description: Breaking Ground 2021: Contemporary Dance Festival is a multi-faceted arts event that strives to integrate diverse, quality dance artists into the Tempe community through several entry points: two ticketed events at Tempe Center for the Arts, workshops for the Arizona dance community, interactive events free for the public and online live streaming events. Community partners for Breaking Ground are Arizona State University and Tempe Center for the Arts. The ticketed events will occur January 22 - 23, 2021, at Tempe Center for the Arts. The community outreach engagements will occur during January 2021. CONDER/dance is a Tempe-based contemporary dance company and producer of Breaking Ground. By actively developing and presenting inclusive dance work inside and outside the theater setting, CONDER/dance seeks to expand the artistic environment vital to the cultural fabric of Arizona.

Cultural Coalition

Description: The 9th El Puente Fest is a free community engagement arts event to be held in the studio and lobby of the Tempe Center for the Arts. The fest is planned for Spring 2021 and will feature many local performing arts groups showcasing young performers: Desert Sounds Mariachi, Quetzalli Ballet, Axé Capoeira Drummers, Japanese Taiko Drummers, Mariachi Juvenil, as well as music students from Tempe High School, Marcos de Niza High School, Corona del Sol and Kyrene Middle School. The festival features young musicians and dancers, art activities for all ages (including mask making) and participatory performances. At closing, drummers and puppeteers will lead the participants in a masked procession over the beautiful Tempe Town Lake pedestrian bridge. The importance of this project is to highlight different cultural artistic practices and invite the public to share in Arizona's unique ethnic heritages. Cultural Coalition is prepared, experienced, and confident to pivot to a successful virtual event if necessary in 2021.

Desert Overture

Description: Desert Overture Live Cultural Entertainment (DOLCE) is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally (LGBTQA) organization whose mission is to entertain, enrich, educate, and support the community and our members through our passion for music. Desert Overture Wind Symphony is a 50-piece instrumental ensemble consisting of woodwinds, brass and percussion. The ensemble plans to reserve Tempe Center for the Arts in Spring/Summer, 2021. For the first



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concert, the band plans to perform One Small Step, which was canceled in 2020 due to the coronavirus. This concert celebrates flight, space exploration, and the grandeur of the cosmos. For the second concert, the band will celebrate its 11th anniversary. Past members, both local and distant, will be invited to play with the band for this special event. The program will feature popular pieces from past concerts.

Downtown Tempe Foundation

Description: Downtown Tempe Foundation's mission is to curate diverse and impactful experiences that cultivate community engagement. This is accomplished through annual and weekly events and creative placemaking (enhancing spaces by encouraging human interaction with performances and art). Live music in Downtown Tempe supports our mission by enriching the lives of the local community through music. The goal with this program is to provide a diverse variety of live music, performed by local musicians, free of charge to the public. Live music in Downtown Tempe will be included in reoccurring events such as the weekly 6th Street Market, the bi-annual Tempe Festival of the Arts, and our Fantasy of Lights Parades. In addition, musicians will perform on Mill Avenue on days without events. The times and dates of the music will vary so that numerous people (downtown employees, event goers, locals, and visitors) can enjoy the entertainment. Live Music in Downtown Tempe supports our stakeholders and our merchants, by driving feet on the street for them as visitors are likely to explore downtown to eat and shop. Realizing that COVID-19 could limit or even cancel the larger events, research and planning are under way to either scale back these events if possible, or use the resources towards increasing the busker program and several smaller activations

GK Folks Foundation

Description: GK Folks Foundation is a nonprofit organization providing Education, Empowerment, Entrepreneurial, and Mental health resources/opportunities for young African immigrants and refugees to become catalysts for change. The event hosts a range of activities which includes highlighting various countries in Africa, wherein a representative from each country will showcase and inform others about their country through clothing, fashion, talents and their country's flag colors. Other activities range from a variety of musical and dance performances, poetry, spoken words and other forms of the display of arts. This event is scheduled to take place in Spring 2021 at the FABRIC building.

Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival

Description: Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival’s mission is to present high-quality international films with Jewish cultural themes to broaden the scope and depth of the diversity of the greater community. GPJFF is in the unique position of being able to educate, enlighten and entertain the general community as well as serve as a source of pride to the Jewish community. The virtual Film Festival illuminates Jewish cultural life, highlighting both common and different perspectives to a variety of situations. Participants will engage in entertaining and educational experiences by viewing the films and having the opportunity to discuss their observations and feelings about that experience in the post-film discussions (through Zoom and other interactive platforms). They will be able to ask questions to clarify information about cultural norms that are different or unusual. Through a social perspective, the film and discussion will illuminate the Jewish experience and demonstrate the links to universal themes and values.

Grey Box Collective

Description: Grey Box Collective (GBC) is a performance group that makes original shows about social and emotional wellbeing rooted in social issues. GBC sees social and emotional wellbeing as embodying high levels of self-awareness, understanding the body-mind connection, and being connected with the community. The performances are developed through trauma informed creative practices methodology which allows for a holistic exploration of marginalized stories to include both multiple internalized/individual truths and social/systemic truths. The local community is involved in each performance through shared art-making events and conversations surrounding each performance. GBC’s core values are centered on serving to transform communities through collaboration and creativity. Building compassion for humanity through the arts is at the heart of the company’s culture. Due to Covid19, GBC’s 2020-2021 season will be completely virtual for the safety of the artists and greater community. GBC will provide multiple live and pre-recorded events throughout the year until it is safe to return to in-person programming in Tempe.

Kids in Focus

Description: Kids in Focus (KIF) is dedicated to giving at-risk kids the chance to see themselves and their world in a new light and equipping them with essential life skills to make the shift from surviving to thriving. KIF’s vision is that every child who experiences the trauma of abuse, neglect, homelessness, or other adversity has the skills, confidence, and resilience to become



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productive, caring, happy adults. Through the healing power of photography and the guidance of dedicated mentors, KIF empowers kids through evidence-based programs designed to nurture self-expression, engagement, accountability, confidence, trust, hope, the resilience necessary to grow roots, spread wings and alter the course of troubled lives. Using cameras as a powerful tool and over 360 hours of one-on-one time with mentors, the kids learn basic photography and problem-solving concepts, participate in interactive classroom lessons, and attend weekly photoshoot field trips throughout Tempe.

Lakeshore Music

Description: Lakeshore Music, Inc. enters its 12th year with an abbreviated series of six concerts at the TCA. COVID-19 forced the cancellation of three shows in 2019-20 and four shows for our 2020-21 season that traditionally begins in September. For the remaining six concerts of 2021 we will continue to feature outstanding regional, national, and internationally known jazz musicians and emerging artists. The ethnic and cultural diversity of our artists provide a rich cultural experience helping to keep the American art form of jazz alive. Patrons of all ages as well as jazz students have the opportunity to hear and meet renowned artists in small intimate theater settings while selected artists offer master classes at ASU and other schools as interested. The 2021 series features vocalist Tierney Sutton, saxophonist Bob Sheppard, Cuban pianist Harold López-Nussa, renowned jazz pianist Kenny Barron, local legend Dennis Rowland and jazz pianist Bob Ravenscroft.

MusicaNova

Description: The MusicaNova Orchestra and Tempe High Orchestra have developed a unique partnership that builds teens' interest and skills in classical music. MusicaNova is the only orchestra in the Valley that joins teen musicians on their home turf to play concerts. MusicaNova musicians also visit the school for schoolwide assemblies and master classes with orchestra students. This has helped the THS orchestra program achieve huge growth. For the 2020-21 season, COVID-19 precautions may force changes in the delivery of this programming. MusicaNova is prepared for this eventuality with a plan to continue allowing students to learn from and play with a professional orchestra, even if virtually. The aim remains the same: To introduce students and their parents to classical music in all its forms, teach students in ways that supplement the classroom, and inspire them to excel in their musical studies.



Musician Enrichment Foundation

Description: Musician Enrichment Foundation (MEF) will hold the 5th annual MEF Band Camp, Summer, 2021 at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA). This world-class day camp will provide personal growth in music and life skills to band students entering grades 7-12th. The culminating camp concert will be performed in the TCA Theater. Partnering with MEF are Tempe Elementary and Tempe Union High School Districts. They will assist MEF in selecting students from Title 1 schools to receive Tempe resident discounts to attend camp. MEF's mission to enhance community life and enrich individual musicians will find fulfillment in providing exceptional musical instruction for 150 youth; presenting a free concert to 100+ Tempe Elementary School District summer school students; and providing work and volunteer opportunities for 50+ adults. An estimated 50% of those served by the MEF Band Camp live, work, or attend school in Tempe.

Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus

Description: The Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus is a premiere performing arts organization that strives to unite, inspire, educate, and entertain its diverse audiences, members, allies, and supporting partners. GCPA seeks to hold its 7th annual Spring/Summer concert in Tempe with this being the 4th year at the Tempe Center for the Arts. We are excited to be performing our Spring Show in Tempe for the last 6 years in a row. This concert will feature the full membership of GCPA to include our Omaggio Youth Chorus, local guest musicians, dancers, tech and visual artists in the production of "Show Yourself." This will be a musical revue reflecting on the journey of our LGBTQ+ community with featured songs celebrating Pride. A cast of 70+ and hiring of local artists, dancers, instrumentalists will be utilized for this project. This is a multidisciplinary performing art show with music, choreography, lighting, audio/video production. Our concerts focus on the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community, recognizing that the LGBTQ+ community in Tempe spans all color, socio-economic, and age demographics.

Phoenix Symphony Association

Description: In support of bringing educational music programming directly into Tempe elementary schools, The Phoenix Symphony respectfully requests a \$10,000 grant from the City of Tempe. With your support, The Phoenix Symphony will produce and present up to six virtual Classroom Concert Events (40 min. each) featuring a combination of live music, pre-recorded music and interactive discussions for up to three Tempe schools in the fall of 2020. Additionally, depending on schools and school policies affected by COVID-19, we will return to 1-2 of these



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same Tempe schools with two (2) live, on-site follow-up concert events or four (4) virtual follow-up concert events in the spring of 2021. We anticipate engaging approximately 1,500 K-6 students during the 2020-2021 academic year. Music has proven to be a powerful facilitator of learning, enhancing the cognitive skill sets that children utilize in all areas of life.

Phoenix Conservatory of Music

Description: Starting in September 2020 through June 2021, The Phoenix Conservatory of Music will partner with The Escalante Community Center to provide the project Music Matters. The project is a series of educational programs that provide a pipeline of learning for students and families at the Escalante Community Center. It will consist of a hybrid mix of virtual offerings as needed and in person programming when it is safe to do so to provide sequential week to week learning for early childhood programs exploring music with their primary care givers, preschool music programs designed to develop basic music competency, and afterschool music programs for kinder students from Thew Elementary School, afterschool music programs for students grade 1-5 from Thew Elementary School and the surrounding community, and summer music programs for students enrolled in SummerKamp.

Rising Youth Theatre

Description: Rising Youth Theatre, in partnership with Valley Metro and the Tempe Transportation Center, will bring The Light Rail Plays to Tempe for the third time in 2020-2021. This site-specific theatre experience pairs youth and adults together to create original plays performed on and around the Light Rail, using the Tempe Transportation Center as a home base. The company will work in partnership with Valley Metro for the eighth year, and Tempe Transportation Center for the third year to build this project, creating a theatre experience that engages a wide variety of audiences. It is our hope that by March 2021 we will be able to safely hold this outdoor performance with a limited and socially distanced audience. However, if we are not able to hold the performances for live audiences, we will utilize technology in unique ways to create a site specific experience for Tempe audiences of all ages.

Scottsdale Arts/Arizona Wolf Trap

Description: Arizona Wolf Trap brings art into classrooms throughout Tempe through teacher workshops, residencies and classroom resources. Affiliated with the Wolf Trap Institute for

Early Learning Through the Arts, the nation's premier provider of early childhood education, Arizona Wolf Trap uses visual and performing arts to help young learners master a variety of skills, including language development, gross and fine motor coordination, concentration, memory, verbalization and positive self-images. In response to specific Rover Elementary School needs to rebuild school culture post-COVID and amplify its performing arts focus, Scottsdale Arts is asking the City of Tempe to support the growth of the Wolf Trap model through the Early Childhood Arts Integration Expansion project. This project will combine existing in-classroom residencies with yearlong, comprehensive teacher professional development to enhance teacher skill and promote positive school culture.

Stray Cat Theatre

Description: Decidedly off the beaten path, Stray Cat is indie theatre at its best: quirky, edgy and irreverent. Stray Cat Theatre scratches the Valley's itch for a visceral, provocative theatre experience for culture-savvy cats who crave something beyond the standard kitty chow. In the age of post-COVID 19, a new spotlight is shed on racial and systemic inequality in the arts. Stray Cat proudly looks forward to innovating how they do things and who they're doing them with to show that a new model for theatremaking is possible. Originally four productions were planned. With COVID-19, the closure of TCA, and no real pathway to safe rehearsal practices, Stray Cat has delaying programming until February with a performance of BLKS - an irreverent and bawdy new comedy that was a smash hit in NYC after premiering at the prestigious Steppenwolf theatre in Chicago. Stray Cat will bring the 3rd production of the show to fruition with an almost entirely black cast, a black director (who has just moved into a position as Associate Artistic Director for Arizona Theatre Company) and reaching deeper into the community to better diversify our staff and design team.

Teatro Bravo

Description: It is our mission as Teatro Bravo to create and elevate innovative and fearless Latinx artistry in our cities here in Arizona, that reflect the complex portrait of the Latinx community. It is not only vital that we see Brown bodies both on stage and behind the scenes in the theatre world, but it is even more vital that we listen to and experience Brown stories and lived experiences in the narratives that are crafted for the stage. ¡Teatro Nuevo! is a new plays festival created to showcase seven 10-min theatrical narratives that showcase the raw, budding and unheard emerging Latinx voices. This virtual festival will allow for artists to experiment with what it means to work in quarantine and to redefine and analyze the concepts of theatre and art making for the masses.

Tempe Winds

Description: The Tempe Winds founded in 1990 is composed of 50 professional musicians who are dedicated to performing outstanding band literature for the community. Each performance is unique and focused. The first performance November 9th, 2020 at the Tempe Center for the Arts will be called "A Call for Democracy", music for "healing and unification". The next performance March 1st, 2021 will highlight American history focusing on American "Blues". It will feature "Rhapsody in Blue" by the great American composer George Gershwin and other musical selections representing the history of American "Blues". "Around the World in 60 Minutes" will conclude the season on April 6th, 2021. This performance will engage high school students from four of the Tempe High Schools in a "side by side" performance. It is important for the community to have the opportunity to experience and enjoy high quality musical performances. Music engages people emotionally and intellectually.

Tetra String Quartet

Description: In collaboration with the Tetra String Quartet, a local professional chamber music ensemble, the orchestra students of Marcos de Niza, McClintock and Tempe High will develop musical/interpersonal skills and apply them in and out of the classroom. Students will form small ensembles and independently prepare pieces, receive coaching from Tetra, and perform multiple community concerts at Friendship Village Senior Living Community and the Tempe History Museum (including concerts for children with autism). These activities will take place throughout the 2020-21 academic year. The Tetra String Quartet will also work with orchestra students at Connolly, Gililand, and Kyrene Middle Schools in preparation for their future participation in the residency. The project's curriculum is based on the core values of Focus, Intention, Reflection and Empathy (FIRE). Through practicing these values, young musicians will develop life skills that are relevant beyond their high school orchestra experience.

United Sound

Description: For New Musicians (students with special needs), music education opportunities are scarce in the public school setting. United Sound provides authentic learning, music making, and performance opportunities. New Musicians are taught by their Peer Mentors (general education band and orchestra students) to play an instrument at a personally modified level and join the full ensemble to perform. Current partners include Tempe High and Arizona State



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University. In addition to expanded programming at these schools, we will partner with professional Remo artists to host virtual drum circles at both schools. Drum circles enable students to interact and play together and create musically creative environments that are also beneficial to the participants' health and wellness- especially critical at this time. United Sound musicians will perform for the public in the City of Tempe at least 8 times this year building relationships and a sense of community that is second to none!
